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METHODIST CHURCH DEDICATED SUNDAY

Dr. E. E. Wiley, of Bluefield, a Former Pastor, Comes to Tazewell to Preach Sermon—The Building is Free of Debt.

The new Main Street Methodist Church was formerly dedicated on last Sunday. There was a large crowd present. Every available seat and chair in the aisles was taken, and some people standing.

The new church, erected within the past two years, at a cost of \$18,000, was declared free of debt, and was formally dedicated to the "worship and service of Almighty God."

The new structure, which occupies the site of the former building, was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Dr. E. E. Wiley, now at Bland Street, Bluefield, and he was asked to preach the dedicatory sermon. Under even ordinary circumstances the announcement that Dr. Wiley is to preach in Tazewell is sufficient to draw a capacity audience. On this extraordinary occasion, and the other churches being closed, there was an audience present which filled the church to overflowing. The services were simple, informal, but interesting throughout.

A condensed newspaper report can give only an imperfect idea of the sermon. It was listened to with deep interest throughout.

Mr. Wiley chose as a text the words of the Master, "Have Faith in God," found in Mark, 11th chapter and 12th verse. He said in part: "Two things God is the Bible's greatest commandment; to believe in Him is its greatest privilege."

The stress laid upon faith in the divine revelation, the frequency of its mention and its connection with every life of consequence mentioned in it suggests its importance. If it really is what the word of God says it is, the statement, "Have Faith in God," deserves to be written upon the lintel of every home, the cornice of every school, the cornerstone of every church, and the arch of every State hall.

"Behind the privilege of faith God has put three forces to produce and develop it—a book, a personality and an institution."

"The Bible is the literature of faith; Jesus is the author, and likewise the finisher of it, and the church furnishes the conditions for its growth and its perfection. Thus in terms of the mightiest printed pages, the divinity of all human beings and the most marvelous of all institutions, God announces its position in the spiritual order."

"The circumstances of its utterance are familiar. From Bethany came Jesus and the twelve at the dawn of day, bound for Jerusalem. He was hungry, he appeals to a fig tree for fruit and its answer is only leaves. In his disappointment he pronounces a curse upon it, a curse that blights it to its roots, when, on the morrow, the disciples express surprise at this phenomenon, he makes the brief, laconic reply, 'Have Faith in God.'"

"Two phases of this subject may be considered as throwing light upon it. First: The meaning of faith. The word, itself, has always involved mystery, and yet it is not mysterious. Faith is not complex, but simple, when viewed in the light of its origin and its necessity. The fall of man in Eden not only corrupted human nature, but placed a chasm—an abyss, between man and God. The problem, then, was, on what terms can man and God approach each other in communion and fellowship? On what terms can heaven and earth treat with each other? The medium between the two was that of trust in God. Across the bridge of faith man could reach God and God could reach man; heaven could send its blessings to earth and earth could send its needs into heaven. Thus by an intellectual and spiritual process possible to every human creature, God has made provision for the complete restoration of man to the estate from which he fell."

Second: The fruits of faith. If God and man are thus brought into contact, how easy it is to explain the results attributed to faith. How simple become the spiritual miracles outlined in the Bible and felt in Christian experience! "Regeneration, the greatest of miracles, is one of them. Through the medium of faith the omnipotent spirit of God and the helpless nature of man come in touch with each other, and the latter is transformed into the very image of God. Thus are explained such statements as the uprooting of mountains and of trees by faith, the seed small as the grain of mustard seed. The power of God operating upon the tasks of man produces the results so marvelous, so impossible, indeed, as to require a figure like that to describe it."

To the church the privilege of faith was emphatically extended. Jesus made it a part of the church's charter. At the very time of its founding, when Peter's majestic confession was made, he assured him that the keys of the kingdom would be given it. The keys of the kingdom were faith in God. And with this the body of the believers have been unlocking doors of power, adorning the ages, and the achievements of them are so numerous and so startling as to even stagger the imagination."

The speaker then referred to the achievements of the Methodist church in Tazewell since the early days, when the first little group assembled in the Ferguson home—the Peerys, the Wittens, the Greevers, the Fergusons and two negro slaves, preached to by that stalwart pioneer, Rev. John Kober. Five churches have been built since that time—five churches at intervals of some forty years, culminating in this beautiful temple of God to be dedicated that day. He referred also to the large class

of men assembled each Sunday to study the word of God in the auditorium and suggested that some one had been using the keys of the Kingdom in the achievement of this happy result.

After the formal ceremonies of dedication were concluded, a statement was made by Mr. Wiley that the sum of \$200.00 was badly needed to build a small Sunday School room for one of the classes. The sum was readily subscribed.

COVE CREEK NEWS NOTES.

Cove Creek, May 9.—Mr. Noah Caldwell, of Rocky Gap, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. B. P. Stowers.

Mrs. Jake Wynn, of Burke's Garden, is visiting relatives and friends in the community.

Mr. M. F. Neel and family spent last Sunday at Mr. A. S. Shannon's.

Misses Verna and Reba Crabtree spent last Thursday at Mr. Andy Fox.

Mr. George Gregory and wife and baby spent last Sunday at Mr. T. E. Gregory's.

Mrs. Mose Sarver and children spent last Sunday at Mr. Frank Steele's.

Misses Gertrude and Dora Fox were the guests of Miss Cecil Robinett last Sunday.

Mr. R. B. Robinett spent last Thursday with his daughter, Mrs. R. C. Fox.

Misses Hazel and Glennie Stowers are visiting relatives and friends on Walker's Creek.

REMOVE THE TREES.

Now, while a good opportunity is presented should not the Council remove the trees along Main Street or a part of them, at least? A great many people have expressed themselves on the subject, and believe the trees should be removed. The street is too narrow to permit of so much space being given to large trees. Half or one-fourth the number would answer every purpose. Out with the trees now.

SPONSOR AND MAID OF HONOR.

I have appointed Mrs. Lucy Henry Walker, of Tazewell, as sponsor and Miss Josephine Buchanan, of Marion, as Maid of Honor, to represent the 9th district of United Confederate Veterans at the reunion to be held at Richmond on the 1st to 3rd of June, inclusive, and will be recognized accordingly.

JAS. P. WHITMAN, Asst. Insp. Gen. 9th Dist.

MISS CROCKETT'S MUSICAL.

Miss Bessie Crockett gave a recital of her music class in the High School Chapel last Saturday afternoon, to which a number of the patrons and others attended. The following of her pupils took part in the program:

Misses Karl Bundy, Macie Peery, Virginia Peery, Betty Yost, Kate Peery, Katherine McGuire, Bessie Edwards, Louise Peery, Marie Baker, Grace Johnson, Helen Bottimore, Lena Greever, Mariam Buchanan, Edith Crockett, Marie Heldreth, Georgia Edwards, Virginia May Peery, Annela Greever, India Howell, Ella Burton, Annis Crockett, Edgar Hurt, Elizabeth Gillespie and Mr. Robert Bottimore.

NOTES OF BENBOW

Mrs. John Puckett is visiting her friends and relatives in Graham this week.

Farmers are rushing corn planting this week. Everything looks fresh and promising since the good rains Sunday night and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walk spent Friday with the family of Mr. Will Bowling of Poor Valley.

Although our Sunday School was late in starting this year, the attendance last Sunday was very encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Beavers and daughter, of North Tazewell, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. Haynes Buchanan.

Mrs. Mary Moore and her two daughters, Misses Annie and Ruth, who have had charge of the school at this place for three years, will leave today for their old home in Henry county.

BUSINESS BUILDERS.

Following is the Standing in the Contest Now on at M. J. Hankins' Store.

- 1—Carl Gregory.
- 2—Mary Yost.
- 3—Ruth Sping.
- 4—James Alexander.
- 5—Aubrey Parks.
- 6—John Hawkins, Jr.
- 7—Boyd Watyke.
- 8—Bane Vandye.
- 9—Margaret Hawkins.
- 10—Meek Hoge Bowen.
- 11—Will H. Repass.
- 12—Willie Saunders.
- 13—Crockett Gray.
- 14—George Patton.
- 15—Vivian Sparks.
- 16—F. G. Crouse.
- 17—Walter P. Shawver.
- 18—Robert Heldreth.
- 19—Mona Lawson.
- 20—George Surface, Jr.
- 21—John Alexander.
- 22—Francis Witten.
- 23—Margaret Keister.
- 24—Ed. Heldreth.
- 25—Hubert Peery.
- 26—Lena Greever.
- 27—Garland Stevenson.

REWARD FOR LOST WATCH.

On last Sunday afternoon, between Mr. J. F. Gillespie's store and Dr. D. R. Johnson's residence, I lost a Dr. Jewell, Elgin movement, ladies gold watch with chateleine pin. Liberal reward if finder will kindly return to HAZEL A. WALL.

HORSE RUNS AWAY INJURING LADIES

Near Tragedy on Burke's Garden Mountain Friday Close to Spot Where Mysterious Murder Occurred 19 Years Ago.

An accident, in which three people—one man and two women, came very near losing their lives, occurred on the mountain road from Burke's Garden, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kitts and a young Miss Thompson, were driving over from Burke's Garden, in a single buggy. Some distance from the top of the mountain, on this side, the horse took fright—from what cause is not stated, and dashed off down the mountain at a rapid rate. After running some distance the buggy was hurled against a rock cliff, on the upper side of the road and smashed. The occupants were thrown with great violence against the solid rock cliff and bodily injured by shock and cuts.

The young lady was most seriously injured, her skull sustaining a fracture, and Mrs. Kitts was seriously bruised and cut. All three were unconscious when found by a man passing in a wagon. Help was summoned as quickly as possible from the town and Burke's Garden, and the suffering women were taken home in an automobile.

Latest report is favorable to the recovery of Miss Thompson, whose life was despaired of for sometime.

The fool horse went over the bank on the lower side, through a wire fence, and on down the cliffs, and through the woods and mountains, and would perhaps have been running yet if some one had not caught him down about Captain Gilder-sleeve's, on the Clear Park road.

The horse was uninjured.

A MURDER TRAGEDY RECALLED

Many of the citizens of this community will recall another tragedy which occurred at just about the same spot where the above accident occurred, of the murder of an unknown man, whose name was never ascertained, or any trace of his people.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 1, 1896, a little more than 19 years ago, the body of a man, about 60 years of age, was discovered by Mr. Joseph Meek, who was returning to his home in Burke's Garden from Tazewell. The man was not yet dead, as Mr. Meek heard him groan. He also heard the shots which were fired into the head and body of the man. A Mr. Honaker, coming out of the Garden, met two men—one a young man about 25 years of age, and the other about 60, just a few moments before meeting Mr. Meek. The men were walking. That same night a horse was stolen from Mr. Meek's stable, presumably by the young man who committed the murder. The horse was found near Marion and the thief traced into North Carolina.

After a coroner's inquest, held at Mt. Olivet church, on Sunday morning, February 2, the body of the unknown murdered man was buried at the expense of the county, and the authorities and detectives went on the trail of the young man last seen with the dead man. To make a long story short, a young man named Douglas, was finally arrested in Statesville, N. C., and brought to Tazewell, and lodged in jail charged with being the murderer. The trial was held in July. Barnes & Barnes and Chapman & Gillespie, for the Commonwealth; May, May, of Tazewell and B. F. Long, of Statesville, N. C., defended Douglas. There were a large number of witnesses from Statesville, including a Presbyterian minister, a lady of prominence, the Sheriff, a merchant and a number of others.

When the witnesses for the prosecution were put on the stand they swore that Douglas was the man whom they saw in company with the murdered man, as the two passed along the road from Pocahontas to the foot of the mountain. All these witnesses, some of whom talked with the two men, one had sold them apples, another a colored woman, had let them have something to eat. All of them were positive that Douglas, the prisoner at the bar, was the right man, and when the prosecution rested, there was no doubt in the minds of the jurors and the people, but that the verdict was bound to be murder in the first degree.

And now, here comes the strange part of this remarkable case. Every North Carolina witness put on by the defense, including the Presbyterian minister, swore positively that Douglas, the prisoner, was in Statesville, on Saturday, February 1st, the day on which the old man was killed. The Sheriff saw him at the depot. The merchant sold him a plug of tobacco, the lady (whose name has been forgotten), swore that he was at her house, that day. The minister swore that Douglas hitched his horse to the buggy—all on Saturday, Feb. 1st, and of course, if these witnesses, all of them highly reputable, were not mistaken, Douglas could not have been in Tazewell, on that day. The Tazewell witnesses, all equally reputable, were absolutely certain that Douglas and the old man were in Tazewell on that day.

The jury gave the prisoner the benefit of the doubt, and rendered a verdict of "not guilty." The slayer of the old man is unknown to this day, except to the trees and rocks on the lonely mountain and they won't tell.

\$500,000 DAMAGES EVERY YEAR IN VIRGINIA

It is estimated that forest fires burn up \$500,000 worth of property each year on the average in Virginia. With the mature timber being cut off and worth several times what it was a few years ago, we are evidently not preaching a timber famine. Our only salvation is to take care of the young growth, and keep out fire, which can in a few months destroy the growth of years. Already vast stretches of land, particularly in the mountains, have been burned over so that they are now covered with nothing but brush, and practically a barren waste worth nothing to anybody.

Cattle Ranges Are Also Injured.

There is an impression in some sections that forest fires improve the cattle range, and many fires are set out in other people's woods by men who want free range for their stock and think burning the woods will improve the range. That is all wrong from every standpoint. Fires burn up the litter on the ground, and the decaying leaves and other plant material which constitute the humus. It is this humus that makes the soil black, fertile and porous. Without it, trees and grass cannot get enough food and moisture from the soil to make good growth. The good grasses starve for the lack of food and water, and what is left makes very poor ranges.

The question is, what can be done about it? The State of Virginia is looking for a solution of the problem and already has laws providing fine or imprisonment for setting fire to any one else's woods. It is also illegal to burn brush without taking all possible precaution against the spread of fire, and redress can be obtained by any one injured by such a fire. Logging and railroad locomotives, saw mills, etc., are required to carry sufficient spark arresters. And forest wardens may be commissioned by the Governor to enforce the fire laws, under the direction of the State Forester, and to fight fires, etc. (A copy of the fire laws will be sent free on request to the State Forester, Charlottesville, Va.) But unfortunately, there has not yet been any money appropriated with which to pay wardens for enforcing the laws and the fighting of fires. The next legislature is expected to come to the rescue in this emergency and make it possible to have an effective fire protection organization. In the meantime much good can be accomplished by putting up warning notices and the spreading of knowledge of the fire laws and arousing interest in fire prevention. These notices can be secured free of charge from the office of this paper or will be mailed on application to the State Forester at Charlottesville.

JOSEPH MILLER DEAD.

Pocahontas, Va., May 5.—Joseph Miller, formerly an honorable citizen of Pocahontas, died at his home at 112 Whitlock street, Baltimore, Monday afternoon. Mr. Miller was for many years engaged in the clothing business in Pocahontas, first with his brother in law, Chas. Baer, under the firm name of Miller & Baer, later on engaging in business for himself. He enjoyed a good reputation as a business man and citizen, and could have had positions of honor, but always declined same, preferring to live quietly and peaceably among his fellow citizens. He had been in bad health for several months, and realized that the end was approaching. His son, Saul Miller, left Sunday night to visit his father, not realizing that his death was so near. Mr. Miller leaves a widow, two sons, Mose Miller, of Frostburg, Md. and Saul Miller, of Pocahontas, and two daughters, Mrs. Nathan Marks and Mrs. Charles Margolis, both of Pocahontas. Mr. Miller was a member of the Masonic order, Knights of Pythias and Ancient order of the United Workman. Mr. and Mrs. Marks and Mrs. Margolis left last night for Baltimore to attend the funeral.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Main Street. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Platt, Jr., at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., Rev. Chas. R. Brown, Superintendent. Class for men in church auditorium at 10 a. m., Mr. A. St. Clair, teacher. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:45.

NORTH TAZEWELL.

Preaching at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. N. Harman; at 7:45 p. m., by Rev. R. B. Platt, Jr. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., Mr. E. P. Moore, Superintendent. Prayer meeting Friday at 7:45 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

NEEDLES NEEDED.

You need needles every day—can't keep house and keep the place without them. Here to be 5 papers assorted sizes, fine steel needles, and a dozen or so of darn- ing and carpet needles. A nice folding card, enclosed in an envelope. Every subscriber who pays up and a year in advance, new or renewal, will be presented with a needle book free. This offer holds good only for the month of May. If you need needles here is your chance to lay in a supply free of cost.

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Gregg Shorthand Tuition Coupon, worth \$25.00, issued by a leading business college in this State, will be offered for quick sale at reduced price. Owner cannot use it. Its transferable. Address this Office.

A FREE ROUND TRIP TO THE EXPOSITION

The Clinch Valley News and Dr. Jackson Will Inaugurate a Contest, And Some Lady Will Get a Fine Trip Free.

We are inaugurating a contest. The highest number of votes wins the prize. Any lady in Tazewell or within the circulation of this paper, is eligible.

The prizes consist of: One first-class fare, including sleeper, or steamship berth, from Tazewell to San Francisco and return.

Five admission tickets to the exposition grounds.

Five admission tickets to amusement attractions within the Exposition grounds.

Steamship trip to San Francisco Bay, including trip to Vallejo and Mare Island navy yard.

Trip to Tamalpais, Muir Woods, with ride on the crookedest railroad in the world.

One first-class round trip fare to Sacramento, the State Capital, etc.

Or, if you do not care for this magnificent trip, the winner will be presented with a \$350.00 piano. The contest is being conducted in connection with Dr. John E. Jackson's Rexall store, and votes in the contest will be given for purchases at his store in the same proportion as those given for newspaper subscriptions, job work, etc. In addition to this capital prize, there are eighteen other handsome prizes that will be awarded. Get busy and nominate your candidate. Full details of the contest will be published in the next issue of the News. Already several candidates have been named, and numbers of others are expected.

Watch for the ad., or call at Jackson's or this office and have the matter outlined to you.

THE PUBLIC CLAMOR.

(Editorial.)

"Something should be done," say the people, "to teach Germany a lesson." Well, what? Send a battleship somewhere? Declare war? Would this "teach Germany a lesson?" As to the deplorable incident of the destruction of American lives on the Lusitania, what more can be done than to demand damages? After all is said, the Lusitania was a British ship flying the British flag. After over the seas by British orders, the Americans and others were virtually on British "soil" and in British "territory" when lost, was it not the duty of the British to protect people in her charge? Without professing to know much about such grave matters it occurs to us that the British people are the ones to look to for reparation. If she under the circumstances and knowing the conditions, chose to send out a great ship with 2,000 precious lives on board, a convey should have accompanied the ship for protection. The Germans had a perfect right to blow up the Lusitania or any other ship of a belligerent.

This is not justifying the way they did it, which was heathenish and barbaric. Will those who are clamoring that Mr. Wilson should "do something" please state what? He will do the right thing and the best thing, be assured.

THE ROOSEVELT PLAN.

(Communicated.)

Mr. Roosevelt has at last made a concession to the peace sentiment of the country. It is to absolutely discontinue all commercial exchange with Germany because that country has placed itself "outside the pale" of international "interchange." For once in his turbulent career the Colonel has "not gone far enough." He says nothing about the discontinuance of diplomatic relations, which would be a condition precedent, and absolutely necessary to the new situation. This would not imply a State of war, and would placate the war sentiment of the country. It would leave the United States in possession of every international right—reprisal, intervention and indemnity. It would place our government above and beyond the range of diplomatic offense. And it would electrify the American people.

H. M. S.

Watch this paper, next issue, for definite announcements of the contest for the free trip to San Francisco, and the free piano, etc.

If you don't want the one you may want the other. You can have either without a cent of cost. Names of the candidates will be published next week. Get in the push.

MISS NELL GEORGE NOW MRS. GEORGE C. APPLETON.

A telegram last Saturday announced the marriage at noon on that day of Miss Nell George, daughter of Mrs. T. E. George, of Tazewell, and Mr. George C. Appleton, of Warrenton. Miss George left Tazewell last Thursday for a visit East. Many of her closest friends here were not apprised of her intentions. Mr. Appleton is well known in Tazewell, where he has a large number of friends. He was located here a few years ago as engineer for the State Highway Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Appleton will make their home at Warrenton.

CANNING CLUB AGENTS MEET.

The meeting of County Canning Club Agents at Blacksburg, May 3, to 8, was by far the most interesting of all the annual meetings.

Heretofore the agents have met at Burkeville, but not the state work has passed under the supervision of the State Agricultural College and from this time on the meetings will be held at the College.

The entire program was interesting. There were present from the Department at Washington; Miss Cresswell, Miss Powell, Miss Hunt, Mr. O. B. Martin, Mr. Jesse Pones and Dr. M. M. Strough, all of whom addressed the meeting on different phases of the Canning Club Work, the use of franking privilege and the pure food laws.

In the various departments of the college there were lectures on Silos by Prof. Hutchinson, on Vegetable Plant Diseases, and their Control by Dr. Reed and on The Home Fruit Garden, by Prof. Price. The agents were also taken on an instructive tour through the dairy and through the green houses where experimental work is being carried on.

Miss Agnew, the State Agent, presided, and brought out the best in every lady. Mr. T. O. Sandy, State Agent for men's work gave one of his practical talks.

Mrs. Jane McKimmon, who has done a remarkable work as State Canning Club Agent of North Carolina, gave a talk on standardizing products and experience of difficulties overcome in marketing gave agents valuable ideas. Miss Britchett, State Agent of Maryland, where the work is new was present throughout the meeting to observe and obtain the best methods for carrying on the work in her State. Mrs. Kingham, State Poultry Club Agent, illustrated his lectures with pictures and presented this line in a most practical way.

There were demonstrations in packing, canning and jelly making and demonstrations of practical home-made devices, such as fireless cookers and iceless refrigerators, also demonstration of a portable oil stove. If little else had been gotten from the meeting these last named things would have been worth while.

The Girl's Canning Club has been recognized as an important factor in education and the State Education Board will hereafter allow a member of the club to attend the High School on her canning club work, provided she meets certain requirements.

This is a significant step and will have more to do with the progress of the movement than any other thing. The social feature of the meeting was by no means the least important.

At the Tutwiler hotel, the agents were pleasantly situated and royally entertained. The ladies of the town gave a delightful reception to the club at the home of Mrs. Lybrook. President Eggleston gave the freedom of the college and the cadets gave a dress parade.

Every moment of the time was made pleasant and the only thing that reconciled one to leaving was the prospect of repeating this happy experience next year.

MAMY M. ST. CLAIR.

AN "ALL-STAR" GAME.

The Tazewell High School baseball team, notwithstanding their ability to administer defeat to the other teams of this section, (Princeton, of course, excepted), met their Waterloo here Wednesday, when they went up against the all-star aggregation of Tazewell, known as the "Ex-Professionals" or the "has beens." The game had been looked forward to for several months by the fans, and the boys of the High School (in their minds) saw a score of 25 or 30 in their favor. But, gee whiz! when those "ex-profs." lined up and got busy the High School bunch began to walk the plank. After the game it was discovered that the score stood 6 to 4 in favor of the "has beens." Here are the professionals who turned the trick:

Peery Greever, c.; Robert Harman and Henry Kiser, alternated between 1st b. and p. Harry Spratt, formerly of the Boston Nationals, ss.; Garland Lowder, 2b.; Jug May, a former star on the University of Va. team, took care of the third b.; Robert Morgan, took all of 'em that came over to rf.; R. K. Hawkins dove for those that reached c. f., and Ernest Lewis put a quietus on the horse hide that reached lf. Dr. J. G. Kelly, another former "has been," umpired for 'em, both sides, of course, and showed that he was familiar with all the new tricks, and that they could put nothing over without being caught at it. It is reported that numerous scouts from the Giants, White Sox, Phillies, Pirates, Robbers, et al., were witnesses of the game, and that numerous efforts have already been made to land some of these "experts" to offset the effective work of Ty Cobb and Hans Wagner, Home-run Bakers, and others.

Athens, 4; Tazewell, 5.

What is said to have been the best game of real baseball played in Tazewell for many seasons, occurred here last Saturday between Tazewell High School team and the team from the Athens Normal School. The game lasted eleven innings, and was said to have been base-ball from the beginning to the end.

The game scheduled here for Wednesday with Graham, did not materialize, the Graham boys failing to appear. Their non appearance is said to have forfeited the game to Tazewell. The High School team will go to Graham today, and will be at home tomorrow to the team from Bramwell.

TRAGIC DEATH OF FORMER CITIZEN

I. C. Dodd, Killed at Coopers, W. Va., on Tuesday Afternoon, Was Buried in Maple Shade Cemetery Yesterday.

The funeral and burial of I. C. Dodd took place here yesterday at 10:30 o'clock a. m., from the Methodist church. Interment of the remains was made in Maple Shade Cemetery. The remains were brought here from Bluefield, escorted by a number of friends and the family.

The exercises were conducted by Presiding Elder Jack Ward, Rev. Dr. E. E. Wiley, of Bluefield; Rev. Frank Jackson, formerly pastor in Bluefield, now at Marion, an intimate friend of the deceased, delivered the funeral address.

Deceased was in the 58th year of his age. He leaves a widow and three children, W. R. Dodd, Misses Nina and Janie Dodd. Three sisters and three brothers survive—George, of Graham; Herbert and Edward Dodd, of Galax; Mrs. J. W. Shirey, of Bluefield; Mrs. Ora McCormick, of Charlottesville, and Mrs. Ida Lynch.

He was for years a citizen of this town and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Mr. Dodd met with a violent death at Bluestone Junction, on Tuesday afternoon. He was time-keeper for the N. & W. at the works there, and in the discharge of his duties chose to ride up an incline on a coal bucket instead of walking up the stairway. The coal buckets pass through a small opening at the top where the coal is delivered. Instead of getting off the bucket at the top, he attempted, by ducking, to pass through this opening, only about eight inches of clearance, when he was caught and crushed to death.

News of his death reached Tazewell a short time after its occurrence, and greatly shocked the entire community. Few men, who have lived here, were better known or more highly regarded. Floral tributes from friends in Bluefield and Graham and other manifestations here on yesterday, forcefully indicated the esteem in which he was held in that community.

His bereaved wife and family have the universal sympathy of all Tazewell.

POUNDING MILL NEWS.

Pounding Mill, May 12.—An elegant dinner of spring chicken, etc., was served at the quarry boarding house yesterday by Mr. C. M. Hunter to Messrs. Boxley, R. Dawson, J. H. Williamson, Dr. G. L. Zimmerman and others.

Mrs. H. W. Christian and daughter, Miss Gussie, left Sunday to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Wright at Athens, W. Va.

Rex Steele has been confined to his bed since last Wednesday night with a mild attack of typhoid fever, his highest temperature being almost 104. Dr. Zimmerman is the attending physician.

Rev. J. N. Harman preached two interesting sermons here Sunday at 11 a. m., and 3:30 p. m., and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Sparks.

Rev. Mr. Greer, of Maxwell, filled his usual appointment here Sunday night to an appreciative audience.

A handsome piano was installed in the home of H. W. Christian, yesterday for his daughter, Miss Gussie.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Gillespie had as their guests to dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hunter, Miss Lee and Miss Margaret Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Steele had as their guests to dinner Thursday, the latter's brother, F. G. McGuire and Mr. Gregory, a life insurance man.

Miss Lettie Ringstaff, who has been suffering from a severe cold the past week, is reported better.

G. C. Shamblin is quite ill at his home. Indications are that he has a case of typhoid fever.